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SUBJECT: IREX LETTER ON FUNDING DIFFICULTIES

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1. COPIES OF THIS EMBASSY'S LETTER TO IREX ON ITS FUNDING DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN POUCHED ADDRESSEE POSTS. IN ESSENCE, WE WISH IREX WELL IN ITS EFFORTS TO TAP THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IREX WILL BE A PARTICIPANT IN EXPANDED CZECHOSLOVAK-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES, GIVEN THE EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN PRATICIPATING FULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF THESE PROGRAMS, SOMETHING IREX SEEKS TO AVOID.

2. EMBASSY'S OVERALL VIEW ON IREX IS CONTAINED IN AIRGRAM A-019, "IREX AND THE FUTURE OF CZECH-US EXCHANGES," DTD. FEBRUARY 13, 1976. RELEVANT PARA SAYS,"...IT WOULD NOT BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE USE OF OUR SCANT RESOURCES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PUT
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ADDITIONAL MONEY INTO IREX IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN THE FUTURE

THE EMBASSY PREFERS TO POINT ITS LIMITED EXCHANGE RESOURCES ON
ACTIVITIES OF GREATER POLICY RELEVANCE OVER WHICH IT CAN
EXERCISE MORE GENERAL SUPERVISION FOR MUCH MORE CONCENTRATED
APPROACH TO EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES."
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